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Maximising your returns on HMOs and MUFBs



### **Topics**

- Regional yield data and sourcing data
- Why HMO/MUFB?
- What is an HMO?
- Legislation
- Planning
- Article 4
- Valuations
- HMO fact find
- Criteria highlights



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#### **Property investing**

### Is becoming a landlord still worth it?

#### One in five tenants are spending over half of their salary on rent: We reveal the **LEAST** affordable towns for renters



Tenants are being hit by soaring rents, as well as higher costs on their other essential outgoings. We look at which areas are least affordable, and when it pays to haggle with a landlord.

908 comments < 34 shares



# UK property survey shows falling sales and frenetic rental market Rics reports contrasting picture of buyers holding back and tenants battling in bidding

'Higher mortgage rates are the final nail in the coffin for some landlords' - what higher costs mean for buy-to-let

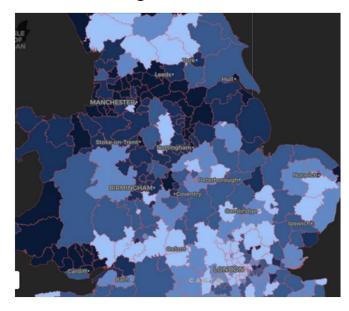


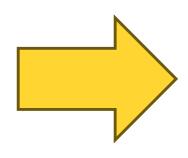
The buy-to-let market has been battered by rising mortgage rates - but for many landlords this just means a good buying opportunity. Around a third of landlords claim they intend to sell a property within the next 12 months, according to the comparison site Uswitch. However, while polls and surveys often suggest that landlords are heading for the exit, there is no evidence of a large scale exodus so far.

- 71 comments - EQ cha

### Yield data

Single Let





## **HMO Let**

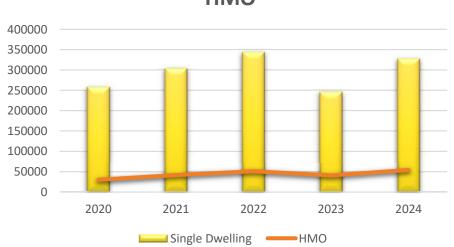


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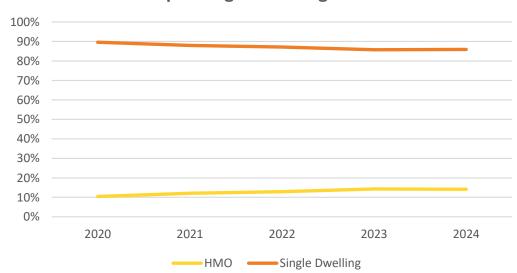
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### Sourcing comparison





#### % Split Single Dwelling v HMO



Data Source 27tech

## HMOs



### What is an HMO?

A property is a house in multiple occupation (HMO) if both of the following apply:

- At least three tenants live there, forming more than one household
- You share a toilet, bathroom or kitchen facilities with other tenants

#### Licensing

• 5 tenants and above is mandatory requirement

#### Fact finding tips

Who occupies / will occupy the property?

Tell me about the room arrangements?

Who is the tenancy agreement with?

Are there any guaranteed rent or subletting clauses?

### Government v local authority rules

It's important to recognise that government guidance isn't always matched from region to region.

 Many councils are stricter than national HMO licensing standards

#### Council flexibility;

- Council can also go the other way the minimum bedroom size for two people sharing was 10.22 sqm, whereas in Norwich, it was advised this should be a minimum of 11.22 sqm
- providing an HMO licence despite not meeting the council requirements

Always remember to check the standards outlined by your local authority.



### Planning and conversions

There are three main planning classes:

**C3** - Residential dwelling occupied by a single family

C4 - Shared houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals with shared facilities Sui Generis
Any other HMO
that doesn't fit the
other definitions – e.g.
7 or more tenants
HMO

NC48

Permitted Development Rights allow you to move between and C4 without the need for planning consent\* (unless Article 4)

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NC48 can move from residential to small hmo

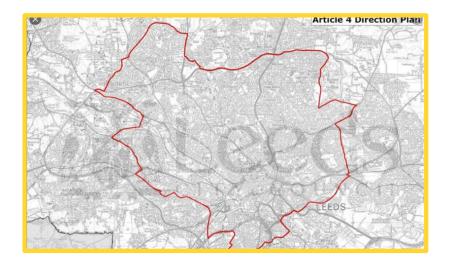
Natasha Carey, 14/02/2022

### Article 4

#### What is it?

Simply put - the withdrawal of permitted development rights in a certain area.

For HMOs, it allows the councils to control HMO density within an area. Landlords would need to obtain full planning permission in order to convert a property into an HMO.



### Planning and conversions

Lawful development certificates

What are these?

If the local planning authority is satisfied that the appropriate legal tests have been met, it will grant a lawful development certificate (LDC).

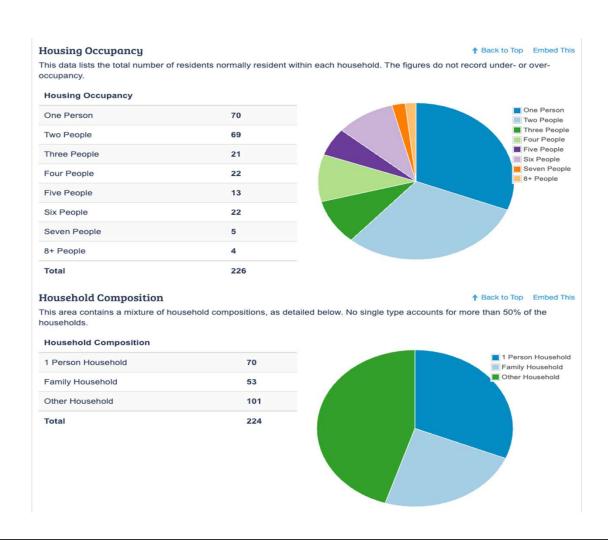
The LDC is effectively used in the absence of full planning permission.



### Valuation methods

AVM	Bricks and mortar valuation	Commercial (yield or investment) valuation
<ul> <li>Automated valuation –</li> <li>Algorithm of sold and</li> <li>rental comparable data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most common HMO valuation</li> <li>Some comparison to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Take in account         achievable rent/yield</li> <li>Significant alterations</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Not used for HMO or MUFB</li> </ul>	similar investments in the area	<ul> <li>Sui generis planning</li> <li>Article 4</li> <li>Sustainability of income</li> <li>Repairs/management costs</li> <li>Stand back</li> </ul>

### Street check data; Cawdor Rd, Fallowfield



### From this

 Large 3 Beds like this example in Norwich typically let for £1,000 per month and can be acquired for in the region of £250,000/£280,000



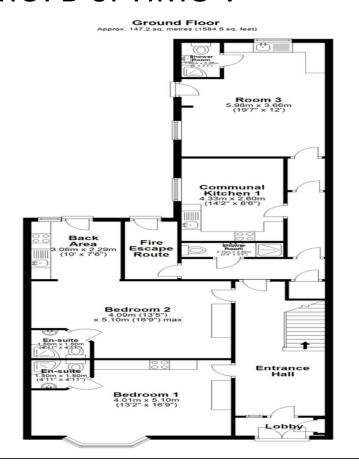
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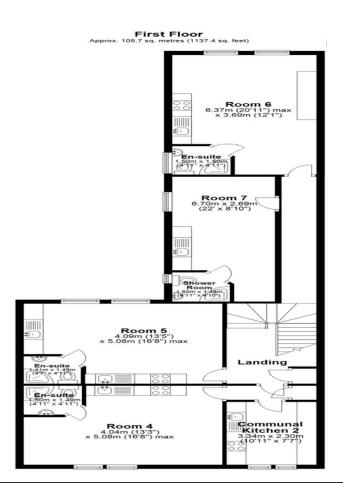
- 4 Bed HMO in Norwich will typically let for £400-500 per room (£1,800-£2,000 per month)
- ✓ Yield

- X Conversion costs
- ✓ Portfolio diversification
- X Wear/tear
- ✓ Low chance of total void
- X Management



### MUFB or HMO?



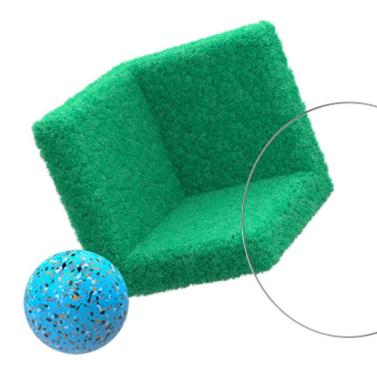




### Enhance your fact find

- Is it an existing HMO?
- Is there Article 4 direction in that area?
- How many occupiers and how many kitchens?
- What is the room arrangement? (ensuite per room/kitchenette/locks on doors)
- What type of tenancy? (student, professional, corporate)
- Have you got planning / is planning needed?
- Do you need / have you got (or applied for) a licence?

Be mindful of rent 2 rent / subletting on HMOs...



extra things to be asking to place the HMOs with correct lenders the 1st time Natasha Carey, 14/02/2022 NC15

Why Landbay?



### Landbay

#### Our HMO products

Minimum Value £120k (£75k in qualifying areas)

Competitive rates

FTL HMO and MUFB (up to 6bd/6units)

No ERC range

Up to 12 beds

Max LTV 75% (Small HMOs up to 80%)

Student lets accepted up to 12 bed

Remortgages inside 6 months considered (conversions etc)

**Investment valuations** 

### About us

- We are experts in BTL
- Launched in April 2014
- Diverse funding lines for BTL/HMO/MUFB
- Direct access to underwriting (phone and email)
- Carbon neutral business 2021











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# Thank you

Any questions?

